

REMARKS

Prior to an examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

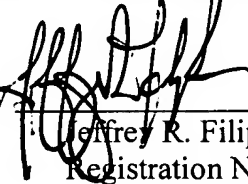
The title of the invention has been amended.

A number of editorial amendments have been made to the specification and abstract. A substitute abstract along with a marked-up version of the substitute abstract have been prepared and are submitted herewith. No new matter has been added.

Claims 19-25, 28-31 and 46-54 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Also, the above claim amendments are presented in order to remove multiple claim dependencies, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

Four antenna units ~~701a to 701d~~ arranged adjacent to each other are respectively connected to switches ~~702a to 702d~~, and are connected to load impedance elements ~~703a to 703d~~ via the switches ~~702a to 702d~~, or connected to an output terminal ~~706~~ and a comparator ~~707~~ via a switch ~~704~~. Another ends of the load impedance elements ~~703a to 703d~~ are grounded. The comparator ~~707~~ judges which antenna unit receives a radio signal having the maximum signal level among the antenna units ~~701a to 701d~~. A controller ~~705~~ controls the switches ~~702a to 702d~~ and the switch ~~704~~ so that the antenna unit that receives the radio communication signal having the maximum signal level is connected to the output terminal ~~706~~ and the other antenna units are connected to the load impedance elements.